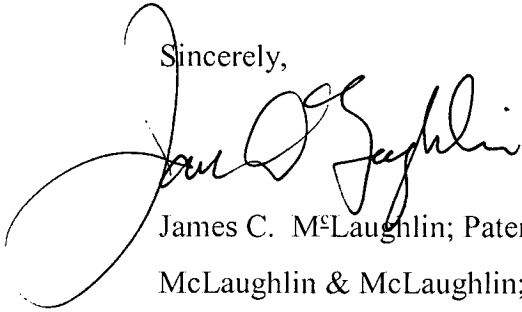


§6 The PTO published the original application on July 1, 2004 as Publication Number US 2004/0124591 A1. As a convenience to the examiner, a printed copy of the PTO published application (PPA) is included herewith.

§7 The examiner's courtesy and consideration in providing an opportunity to cure the oversight is warmly appreciated.

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